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Colorado Trends

August labor force conditions for the State were much improved over the prior month as unemployment fell to the lowest mark of the year and the number of employed Coloradans recorded the first increase in three months. The seasonally adjusted jobless rate dropped to 7.0 percent, down from the revised 7.5 percent for July. In August last year, the unemployed made up 7.7 percent of the labor force. The number of residents out of work fell by 6,900 to reach an adjusted 116,000. That is 14,200 below last year's level.

The statewide employment picture was even brighter as the number of persons with jobs grew by a sizable 15,600 after seasonal adjustment to 1,541,800. Still, employment was higher one year ago at 1,556,600. August's labor force data does give a stronger indication that Colorado's economy is on the mend and overall, the last half of 1987 should be much better than the first.

More favorable labor force conditions were evident in most areas of the State during August as 54 of Colorado's 63 counties posted lower unemployment rates on an unadjusted basis. One major exception was Clear Creek County where recent layoffs at AMAX's Henderson Mine pushed the local jobless rate two percentage points higher to 11.2 percent.

Nationally the labor force situation was good, but relatively stable during August. Seasonally adjusted unemployment and the rate remained unchanged at 7.2 million and 6.0 percent, respectively. Civilian employment advanced by 335,000 to a record 113.1 million.

Colorado's industrial sectors were evenly split in August with four showing gains over the month, four declining and one unchanged. Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased 1,300 to 1,390,200 in August from the 1,388,900 recorded in July. This gain was about normal for the July-August period. Total wage and salary jobs in the State, however, are 3,800 below their level of one year ago when they numbered 1,394,000.

The largest drop came in agriculture, down 3,400 due to its usual midsummer lull. Services was down 800 over the month. This sector would normally gain 700 jobs during August. Business services had been leading the growth in the industry. After gaining 9,000 jobs between August 1983 and August 1984 business service growth in subsequent twelve month periods has fallen substantially. The subsector increased 3,700 in the August 1984-August 1985 period, showed an 800 loss between August 1985 and August 1986, before rebounding slightly in the latest twelve months for a gain of 600. Because of its past contribution to overall sector growth it is quite unlikely that services can

approach past growth rates without resurgence in business activity in general or more specifically, business services.

Smaller losses took place in mining (down 500) and construction (down 200) during the month, while manufacturing was unchanged.

Gainers were led by a 2,400 increase in trade employment as strength was visible in the retail subsector. Food stores picked up 2,000 workers between July and August and was responsible for most of the overall gain. Some of the increase here was due to continued realignment of payroll personnel after the labor dispute in the industry earlier in the year.

Small increases were registered in transportation and public utilities (up 100), finance, insurance and real estate (up 200) and government (up 100).

Two projects announced this past month are expected to boost Colorado's economy in the near future. Cimarron Chemical Co., of Houston, Texas, is planning an $80 million multi-purpose ethanol refinery in Baca County between the towns of Walsh and Springfield. The plant will make alcohol for use in gasoline blends, produce carbon dioxide for sale to the oil and gas industry, produce fermented mash for sale as animal feed and generate electricity from turbines driven by the fermentation process. It is expected that 400 construction jobs will be created when work begins early next year. The plant will employ 70 permanent jobs upon completion.

In addition, Marketex Trading Inc., a Colorado-based ethanol products manufacturer, announced plans to build a $65 million plant in Windsor, Colorado that will employ between 200 and 250 people. Construction is expected to start before Thanksgiving. Products will include fireplace logs, barbecue starters, camping supplies, winter survival kits, paraffin, distilled water, food-grade carbon dioxide and pelletized feed mash.

Both projects will be an economic boon to area farmers because they require large amounts of corn as their primary raw material. These two projects, along with the soon to be completed Monfort of Colorado Inc. feedlot near Yuma, Colorado will provide a larger and more stable local market for Colorado's hard hit corn producers.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the **DENVER MSA** continued its descent in August, sliding to 6.5 percent. This is four-tenths of a percentage point below the 6.9 percent of both the prior month and one year ago.

Adjusted unemployment fell by 3,700 during August and is now 56,900. One year ago 62,200 Metro residents were unemployed.

The long awaited growth in employment finally appeared in August. After adjusting for normal seasonal factors, the number of Area residents with jobs grew by 9,200 over the month. Excluding January, a month often marked by exaggerated movements in both the unemployment and employment numbers, this is the largest monthly employment gain of the year. Despite the increase in employment to 823,600, some 10,500 fewer persons are now employed than one year ago.

The number of nonfarm jobs in the Area rose by 1,400, a better than expected gain for this time of year. At 800,000, the number of nonagricultural wage and salary jobs is down 4,500 in the past twelve months. Only contract construction (up 700), transportation and public utilities (up 200), and wholesale and retail trade (up 2,300) showed gains during August. Except for services (down 800), however, losses were about in line with seasonal expectations.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	AUG 1987	JUL 1987	MAY 1987	AUG 1986	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1657.8	1649.1	1697.9	1686.8	8.7	-40.1	-29.0
Unemployment	116.0	122.9	140.4	130.2	-6.9	-24.4	-14.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	7.5	8.3	7.7	---	---	---
Employment	1541.8	1526.2	1557.5	1556.6	15.6	-15.7	-14.8
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1391.6	1391.9	1402.5	1394.8	-0.3	-10.9	-3.2
Mining	23.9	24.6	24.0	26.1	-0.7	-0.1	-2.2
Contract Construction	69.1	70.2	73.3	74.8	-1.1	-4.2	-5.7
Manufacturing	182.0	182.4	183.7	183.6	-0.4	-1.7	-1.6
Durable Goods	117.4	117.5	118.1	117.4	-0.1	-0.7	0.0
Nondurable Goods	64.6	64.9	65.6	66.2	-0.3	-1.0	-1.6
Transportation & Public Utilities	90.0	89.2	89.2	90.6	0.8	0.8	-0.6
Trade	347.7	346.9	349.9	347.9	0.8	-2.2	-0.2
Wholesale	74.0	74.3	74.7	76.6	-0.3	-0.7	-2.6
Retail	273.7	272.6	275.2	271.3	1.1	-1.5	2.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	96.9	97.0	97.4	97.5	-0.1	-0.5	-0.6
Services	325.0	326.5	328.0	322.1	-1.5	-3.0	2.9
Government	257.0	255.1	257.0	252.2	1.9	0.0	4.8
Federal	53.4	53.4	54.7	51.8	0.0	-1.3	1.6
State	61.2	61.0	60.4	59.8	0.2	0.8	1.4
Local	142.4	140.7	141.9	140.6	1.7	0.5	1.8
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	880.5	875.0	906.4	896.3	5.5	-25.9	-15.8
Unemployment	56.9	60.6	69.3	62.2	-3.7	-12.4	-5.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	6.9	7.6	6.9	---	---	---
Employment	823.6	814.4	837.1	834.1	9.2	-13.5	-10.5
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	800.8	797.6	805.6	804.9	3.2	-4.8	-4.1
Mining	15.7	16.1	15.9	16.8	-0.4	-0.2	-1.1
Contract Construction	38.8	38.5	40.3	41.7	0.3	-1.5	-2.9
Manufacturing	93.8	93.6	94.4	95.6	0.2	-0.6	-1.8
Durable Goods	50.0	49.9	50.3	51.0	0.1	-0.3	-1.0
Nondurable Goods	43.8	43.7	44.1	44.6	0.1	-0.3	-0.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	66.8	64.0	64.3	66.7	2.8	2.5	0.1
Trade	204.5	202.9	204.1	205.2	1.6	0.4	-0.7
Wholesale	53.0	53.2	53.4	55.5	-0.2	-0.4	-2.5
Retail	151.5	149.7	150.7	149.7	1.8	0.8	1.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	64.4	65.0	65.2	65.6	-0.6	-0.8	-1.2
Services	194.9	196.3	198.5	193.5	-1.4	-3.6	1.4
Government	121.9	121.2	122.9	119.8	0.7	-1.0	2.1
Federal	32.1	32.1	32.4	30.9	0.0	-0.3	1.2
State	25.5	25.3	24.8	25.2	0.2	0.7	0.3
Local	64.3	63.8	65.7	63.7	0.5	-1.4	0.6
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	128410	128180	129650	129220	230	-1240	-810
Unemployment	6880	7370	7930	8000	-490	-1050	-1120
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.7	6.1	6.2	---	---	---
Employment	121530	120810	121720	121220	720	-190	310
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	177170	176880	179770	177850	290	-2600	-680
Unemployment	14230	15200	16510	13420	-970	-2280	810
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	8.6	9.2	7.5	---	---	---
Employment	162940	161680	163260	164430	1260	-320	-1490
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	84100	84700	86500	84980	-600	-2400	-880
Unemployment	5510	5640	6200	6130	-130	-690	-620
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	6.7	7.2	7.2	---	---	---
Employment	78590	79060	80300	78850	-470	-1710	-260
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	62650	62590	63910	63850	60	-1260	-1200
Unemployment	4620	4970	5690	5620	-350	-1070	-1000
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	7.9	8.9	8.8	---	---	---
Employment	58030	57620	58220	58230	410	-190	-200
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	48410	47880	48370	49350	530	40	-940
Unemployment	4280	4870	5480	5930	-590	-1200	-1650
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.8	10.2	11.3	12.0	---	---	---
Employment	44130	43010	42890	43420	1120	1240	710

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	AUG 2/ 1987	JUL 3/ 1987	AUG 1986	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	1668.4	1664.6	1696.4	3800	-28000
(by place of residence)					
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	106.6	118.6	119.6	-12000	-13000
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	7.1	7.1	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1561.8	1546.0	1576.8	15800	-15000
Nonagricultural 5/	1507.6	1488.4	1522.0	19200	-14400
Agricultural	54.2	57.6	54.8	-3400	-600
WAGE & SALARY 6/	1390.2	1388.9	1394.0	1300	-3800
(by place of work)					
MINING	24.2	24.7	26.4	-500	-2200
Bit. Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	4.0	4.0	4.2	0	-200
Oil & Gas Extraction	17.5	17.9	18.5	-400	-1000
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	74.0	74.2	80.1	-200	-6100
General Building Contractors	17.0	17.4	19.7	-400	-2700
Heavy Construction Contractors	11.5	11.3	11.7	200	-200
Special Trade Contractors	45.5	45.5	48.7	0	-3200
MANUFACTURING	184.4	184.4	186.0	0	-1600
Durable Goods	118.8	118.7	118.8	100	0
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	6.8	6.7	7.1	100	-300
Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd	8.2	8.2	8.9	0	-700
Primary & Fabricated Metals	13.2	13.2	13.0	0	200
Machinery, except Electrical	26.7	26.6	25.1	100	1600
Electric & Electronic Equipment	22.4	22.4	22.8	0	-400
Transportation Equipment	18.4	18.4	18.0	0	400
Nondurable Goods	65.6	65.7	67.2	-100	-1600
Food & Kindred Products	23.1	23.1	25.0	0	-1900
Printing & Publishing	22.5	22.6	22.1	-100	400
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	89.7	89.6	90.3	100	-600
Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs	46.8	46.8	47.4	0	-600
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	350.6	348.2	350.9	2400	-300
Wholesale Trade	74.7	75.1	77.4	-400	-2700
Retail Trade	275.9	273.1	273.5	2800	2400
General Merchandise Stores	31.4	31.3	27.6	100	3800
Food Stores	44.0	42.0	41.3	2000	2700
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station	29.3	29.0	28.8	300	500
Eating & Drinking Places	104.2	104.1	108.7	100	-4500
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	98.1	97.9	98.7	200	-600
Banking	21.7	21.7	22.5	0	-800
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	18.9	18.9	19.3	0	-400
SERVICES	329.6	330.4	326.6	-800	3000
Hotels & Other Lodging	28.6	28.6	29.2	0	-600
Personal Services	17.0	16.8	16.6	200	400
Business Services	71.5	71.3	70.9	200	600
Auto & Misc. Repair Services	15.6	15.8	15.9	-200	-300
Amusements & Recreation	21.5	21.5	20.9	0	600
Health Services	80.8	80.9	79.2	-100	1600
Hospitals	34.5	34.4	33.6	100	900
GOVERNMENT	239.6	239.5	235.0	100	4600
Federal Government	54.7	54.7	53.0	0	1700
State Government	54.0	54.4	52.8	-400	1200
Education	33.4	33.6	32.6	-200	800
Local Government	130.9	130.4	129.2	500	1790
Education	63.0	61.5	60.8	1500	2200
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.5	0	-500

DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	AUG 2/ 1987	JUL 3/ 1987	AUG 1986	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	886.0	881.3	901.4	4700	-15400
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	53.3	58.8	58.2	-5500	-4900
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	6.7	6.5	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	832.7	822.5	843.2	10200	-10500
Nonagricultural 5/	823.1	812.3	833.5	10800	-10400
Agricultural	9.6	10.2	9.7	-600	-100
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	800.0	798.6	804.5	1400	-4500
MINING	15.8	16.0	16.9	-200	-1100
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.1	14.3	15.0	-200	-900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	41.2	40.5	44.3	700	-3100
MANUFACTURING	94.6	94.9	96.5	-300	-1900
Durable Goods	50.5	50.5	51.5	0	-1000
Transportation Equipment	16.3	16.4	16.2	-100	100
Nondurable Goods	44.1	44.4	45.0	-300	-900
Food & Kindred Products	14.0	14.3	15.2	-300	-1200
Printing & Publishing	13.0	13.0	13.0	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	65.0	64.8	64.9	200	100
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	204.8	202.5	205.6	2300	-800
Wholesale Trade	53.5	53.7	56.0	-200	-2500
Retail Trade	151.3	148.8	149.6	2500	1700
Eating & Drinking Places	55.7	55.2	57.3	500	-1600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	65.3	65.6	66.5	-300	-1200
SERVICES	198.6	199.4	197.2	-800	1400
Hotels & Other Lodging	11.4	11.3	11.9	100	-500
Health Services	46.5	46.9	46.0	-400	500
GOVERNMENT	114.7	114.9	112.6	-200	2100
Federal Government	32.3	32.4	31.1	-100	1200
State Government	23.6	23.9	23.3	-300	300
Local Government	58.8	58.6	58.2	200	600
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.4	0	-400

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	AUG 2/ 1987	JUL 3/ 1987	AUG 1986	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	128.6	128.2	129.4	400	-800
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	6.3	7.0	7.4	-700	-1100
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.5	5.7	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	122.3	121.2	122.0	1100	300
Nonagricultural 5/	120.1	118.8	119.8	1300	300
Agricultural	2.2	2.4	2.2	-200	0
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	103.4	103.7	102.1	-300	1300
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.9	3.9	4.5	0	-600
MANUFACTURING	28.3	28.3	28.4	0	-100
Durable Goods	23.2	23.2	23.3	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.1	5.1	0	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	-100
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	23.0	22.8	22.7	200	300
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	-100
Retail Trade	20.3	20.1	19.9	200	400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.0	3.9	3.9	100	100
SERVICES	22.3	22.1	21.3	200	1000
GOVERNMENT	19.4	20.2	18.7	-800	700
Federal Government	2.7	2.7	2.7	0	0
State Government	8.5	8.6	8.2	-100	300
Local Government	8.2	8.9	7.8	-700	400
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	AUGUST 1987 PRELIM TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	JULY 1987 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5843	5356	487	8.3	--	5838	5332	506	8.7
ARCHULETA	2665	2490	175	6.6	--	2586	2437	149	5.8
BACA	2187	2127	60	2.7	--	2255	2168	87	3.9
BENT	2431	2311	120	4.9	--	2425	2293	132	5.4
CHAFFEE	6056	5554	502	8.3	--	6152	5601	551	9.0
CHEYENNE	1080	1044	36	3.3	--	1087	1057	30	2.8
CLEAR CREEK	2747	2440	307	11.2	--	2834	2574	260	9.2
CO. SPGS. MSA	178751	165544	13207	7.4	--	178867	164263	14604	8.2
CONEJOS	2490	2017	473	19.0	--	2547	2026	521	20.5
COSTILLA	1027	812	215	20.9	--	1025	802	223	21.8
CROWLEY	1499	1429	70	4.7	--	1496	1419	77	5.1
CUSTER	934	880	54	5.8	--	940	866	74	7.9
DELTA	8194	7464	730	8.9	--	8384	7459	925	11.0
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1014667	955002	59665	5.9	--	1009540	943712	65828	6.5
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	128593	122263	6330	4.9	--	128157	121169	6988	5.5
-DENVER MSA	886074	832739	53335	6.0	--	881383	822543	58840	6.7
---ADAMS	150075	138937	11138	7.4	--	149726	137236	12490	8.3
---ARAPAHOE	208364	197720	10644	5.1	--	206807	195299	11508	5.6
---DENVER	277010	258960	18050	6.5	--	275974	255790	20184	7.3
---DOUGLAS	18829	17873	956	5.1	--	18737	17654	1083	5.8
---JEFFERSON	231796	219249	12547	5.4	--	230139	216564	13575	5.9
DOLORES	867	811	56	6.5	--	870	802	68	7.8
EAGLE	10996	10474	522	4.7	--	10793	10251	542	5.0
ELBERT	3603	3324	279	7.7	--	3711	3347	364	9.8
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	84837	79922	4915	5.8	--	84314	79141	5173	6.1
FREMONT	10917	9802	1115	10.2	--	10856	9599	1257	11.6
GARFIELD	14058	13256	802	5.7	--	14155	13183	972	6.9
GILPIN	1254	1164	90	7.2	--	1253	1151	102	8.1
GRAND	5467	5224	243	4.4	--	5466	5175	291	5.3
GREELEY MSA	63703	59601	4102	6.4	--	64290	59521	4769	7.4
GUNNISON	5587	5338	249	4.5	--	5544	5253	291	5.2
HINSDALE	398	390	8	2.0	--	385	372	13	3.4
HUERFANO	2582	2239	343	13.3	--	2604	2206	398	15.3
JACKSON	940	896	44	4.7	--	941	896	45	4.8
KIOWA	1089	1067	22	2.0	--	1125	1074	51	4.5
KIT CARSON	4050	3916	134	3.3	--	4124	3962	162	3.9
LAKE	1447	1200	247	17.1	--	1449	1177	272	18.8
LA PLATA	15981	15014	967	6.1	--	16108	15010	1098	6.8
LAS ANIMAS	4290	3859	431	10.0	--	4375	3847	528	12.1
LINCOLN	2222	2146	76	3.4	--	2236	2164	72	3.2
LOGAN	9195	8738	457	5.0	--	9351	8758	593	6.3
MESA	37527	34119	3408	9.1	--	38115	34105	4010	10.5
MINERAL	272	258	14	5.1	--	270	251	19	7.0
MOFFAT	5361	4872	489	9.1	--	5437	4850	587	10.8
MONTEZUMA	8632	7844	788	9.1	--	8661	7727	934	10.8
MONTROSE	10867	9964	903	8.3	--	10954	9880	1074	9.8
MORGAN	9279	8625	654	7.0	--	9369	8652	717	7.7
OTERO	8878	8138	740	8.3	--	8743	7826	917	10.5
OURAY	1125	1073	52	4.6	--	1124	1054	70	6.2
PARK	2898	2659	239	8.2	--	2855	2593	262	9.2
PHILLIPS	2398	2348	50	2.1	--	2399	2346	53	2.2
PITKIN	9309	9010	299	3.2	--	9041	8779	262	2.9
PROWERS	6558	6147	411	6.3	--	6544	6133	411	6.3
PUEBLO MSA	48335	44307	4028	8.3	--	48241	43615	4626	9.6
RIO BLANCO	2822	2647	175	6.2	--	2846	2644	202	7.1
RIO GRANDE	5553	4658	895	16.1	--	5510	4651	859	15.6
ROUTT	7364	6873	491	6.7	--	7364	6756	608	8.3
SAGUACHE	1941	1405	536	27.6	--	1947	1424	523	26.9
SAN JUAN	528	478	50	9.5	--	532	470	62	11.7
SAN MIGUEL	2176	2026	150	6.9	--	2148	1976	172	8.0
SEDGWICK	1416	1374	42	3.0	--	1439	1384	55	3.8
SUMMIT	8285	8036	249	3.0	--	8319	7983	336	4.0
TELLER	4848	4407	441	9.1	--	4828	4362	466	9.7
WASHINGTON	2805	2632	173	6.2	--	2801	2644	157	5.6
YUMA	5160	5034	126	2.4	--	5184	5020	164	3.2
STATE TOTAL	1668391	1561785	106606	6.4	--	1664597	1546023	118574	7.1

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

DEPT. OF LAB. & EMP.
LABOR MARKET AND INFORMATION

AVERAGE MONTHLY LABOR FORCE FOR
JAN87-AUG87 -- 10-2-87

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	6027	5381	646	10.7
ARCHULETA	2544	2305	239	9.4
BACA	1996	1902	94	4.7
BENT	2318	2165	153	6.6
CHAFFEE	6424	5563	861	13.4
CHEYENNE	992	942	50	5.0
CLEAR CREEK	2996	2640	356	11.9
CO. SPGS. MSA	181132	164391	16741	9.2
CONEJOS	2443	1904	539	22.1
COSTILLA	1009	767	242	24.0
CROWLEY	1197	1098	99	8.3
CUSTER	899	816	83	9.2
DELTA	8392	7206	1186	14.1
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1028643	951070	77573	7.5
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	129784	121558	8226	6.3
-DENVER MSA	898858	829512	69346	7.7
---ADAMS	153359	138399	14960	9.8
---ARAPAHOE	210357	196954	13403	6.4
---DENVER	281531	257957	23574	8.4
---DOUGLAS	19055	17803	1252	6.6
---JEFFERSON	234557	218399	16158	6.9
DOLORES	858	784	74	8.6
EAGLE	11658	10852	806	6.9
ELBERT	3661	3237	424	11.6
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	86726	80138	6588	7.6
FREMONT	11347	9722	1625	14.3
GARFIELD	14409	13013	1396	9.7
GILPIN	1304	1162	142	10.9
GRAND	5560	5230	330	5.9
GREELEY MSA	64255	58371	5884	9.2
GUNNISON	5691	5262	429	7.5
HINSDALE	388	354	34	8.8
HUERFANO	2573	2103	470	18.3
JACKSON	869	815	54	6.2
KIOWA	992	942	50	5.0
KIT CARSON	3772	3569	203	5.4
LAKE	1618	1228	390	24.1
LA PLATA	16728	15095	1633	9.8
LAS ANIMAS	4490	3827	663	14.8
LINCOLN	2094	1987	107	5.1
LOGAN	9244	8432	812	8.8
MESA	38481	33663	4818	12.5
MINERAL	299	244	55	18.4
MOFFAT	5529	4783	746	13.5
MONTEZUMA	8927	7528	1399	15.7
MONTROSE	10859	9503	1356	12.5
MORGAN	9265	8243	1022	11.0
OTERO	8731	7615	1116	12.8
OURAY	1111	988	123	11.1
PARK	2888	2564	324	11.2
PHILLIPS	2178	2093	85	3.9
PITKIN	9429	8888	541	5.7
PROWERS	6478	5962	516	8.0
PUEBLO MSA	49165	43449	5716	11.6
RIO BLANCO	2866	2595	271	9.5
RIO GRANDE	5304	4419	885	16.7
ROUTT	7891	7082	809	10.3
SAGUACHE	1641	1277	364	22.2
SAN JUAN	596	503	93	15.6
SAN MIGUEL	2201	1939	262	11.9
SEDGWICK	1364	1276	88	6.5
SUMMIT	8972	8505	467	5.2
TELLER	5014	4426	588	11.7
WASHINGTON	2514	2308	206	8.2
YUMA	4619	4411	208	4.5
STATE TOTAL	1691565	1548534	143031	8.5

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

DEPT. OF LAB. & EMP
LABOR MKT. INFORMATION

ANNUAL AVERAGE 1986

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5965	5369	596	10.0
ARCHULETA	2620	2337	283	10.8
BACA	2058	1946	112	5.4
BENT	2309	2187	122	5.3
CHAFFEE	6426	5739	687	10.7
CHEYENNE	1034	970	64	6.2
CLEAR CREEK	3014	2724	290	9.6
CO. SPGS. MSA	178784	165687	13097	7.3
CONEJOS	2457	1939	518	21.1
COSTILLA	1041	791	250	24.0
CROWLEY	1101	992	109	9.9
CUSTER	927	837	90	9.7
DELTA	8490	7248	1242	14.6
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1029598	962095	67503	6.6
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	129645	121908	7737	6.0
-DENVER MSA	899953	840187	59766	6.6
---ADAMS	152967	140180	12787	8.4
---ARAPAHOE	211395	199489	11906	5.6
---DENVER	281682	261276	20406	7.2
---DOUGLAS	19091	18033	1058	5.5
---JEFFERSON	234820	221210	13610	5.8
DOLORES	883	811	72	8.2
EAGLE	12467	11620	847	6.8
ELBERT	3617	3304	313	8.7
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	86974	81221	5753	6.6
FREMONT	11297	10044	1253	11.1
GARFIELD	14537	13116	1421	9.8
GILPIN	1287	1170	117	9.1
GRAND	5481	5220	261	4.8
GREELEY MSA	63798	58419	5379	8.4
GUNNISON	5870	5535	335	5.7
HINSDALE	379	363	16	4.2
HUERFANO	2642	2187	455	17.2
JACKSON	885	835	50	5.6
KIOWA	999	969	30	3.0
KIT CARSON	3812	3639	173	4.5
LAKE	1851	1503	348	18.8
LA PLATA	16338	14894	1444	8.8
LAS ANIMAS	4560	3854	706	15.5
LINCOLN	2147	2032	115	5.4
LOGAN	9461	8743	718	7.6
MESA	38813	34167	4646	12.0
MINERAL	293	251	42	14.3
MOFFAT	5536	4821	715	12.9
MONTEZUMA	8883	7671	1212	13.6
MONTROSE	10895	9458	1437	13.2
MORGAN	9442	8358	1084	11.5
OTERO	8812	7943	869	9.9
OURAY	1143	996	147	12.9
PARK	2923	2660	263	9.0
PHILLIPS	2258	2154	104	4.6
PITKIN	9649	9086	563	5.8
PROWERS	6558	6037	521	7.9
PUEBLO MSA	49720	43704	6016	12.1
RIO BLANCO	2951	2724	227	7.7
RIO GRANDE	5473	4782	691	12.6
ROUTT	8056	7397	659	8.2
SAGUACHE	1604	1302	302	18.8
SAN JUAN	663	559	104	15.7
SAN MIGUEL	2285	2097	188	8.2
SEDGWICK	1414	1302	112	7.9
SUMMIT	9188	8773	415	4.5
TELLER	4999	4507	492	9.8
WASHINGTON	2575	2378	197	7.7
YUMA	4761	4536	225	4.7
STATE TOTAL	1694000	1568000	126000	7.4

ESTIMATES MADE IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND ADJUSTED TO THE 1986 CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY.

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES Z/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 2/ 1987	JUL 3/ 1987	AUG 1986	AUG 2/ 1987	JUL 3/ 1987	AUG 1986	AUG 2/ 1987	JUL 3/ 1987	AUG 1986
CONSTRUCTION	$467.19	$475.62	$470.92	38.2	38.7	38.1	$12.23	$12.29	$12.36
MANUFACTURING	$410.46	$401.80	$396.00	40.4	40.1	40.0	$10.16	$10.02	$9.90
Durable Goods	$420.85	$411.86	$408.62	41.3	40.9	40.1	$10.19	$10.07	$10.19
Nondurable Goods	$393.90	$385.28	$374.92	39.0	38.8	39.8	$10.10	$9.93	$9.42

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 2/ 1987	JUL 3/ 1987	AUG 1986	AUG 2/ 1987	JUL 3/ 1987	AUG 1986	AUG 2/ 1987	JUL 3/ 1987	AUG 1986
CONSTRUCTION	$498.89	$504.19	$487.32	38.2	38.4	37.4	$13.06	$13.13	$13.03
MANUFACTURING	$437.00	$436.40	$448.51	40.5	40.9	40.7	$10.79	$10.67	$11.02
Durable Goods	$462.58	$471.54	$483.07	41.9	43.3	42.3	$11.04	$10.89	$11.42
Nondurable Goods	$413.17	$406.51	$412.23	39.2	38.9	39.0	$10.54	$10.45	$10.57

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	AUG 1987	JUL 1987	AUG 1986	AUG 1987	JUL 1987	AUG 1986
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	10,753	12,142	13,928	6,049	6,648	7,837
Continued Claims	105,869	124,171	115,892	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	85,397	101,738	96,617	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$13,366,268	$15,971,091	$15,239,814	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$104,508,029	$82,695,486	$112,897,283	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	13,972	18,618	13,640	7,019	9,952	7,052
Nonagricultural Placements	6,012	6,828	6,235	1,997	2,108	2,368
Agricultural Placements	1,012	748	931	338	332	372

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

July 1987-In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	122,105	1664.6	1600.7	476.6	401.3	679.1	753.9	246.7
Unemployment	7,453	118.6	107.8	35.3	23.3	60.2	47.8	17.2
Unemployment Rate(%)	6.1	7.1	6.7	7.4	5.8	8.9	6.3	7.0
Employment	114,652	1546.0	1492.9	441.3	378.0	618.9	706.1	229.5

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.
4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.
5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.
6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. 7Estimates based on March 1986 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.
7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.
8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 900 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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